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In re application of:

Gary Karin Michelson

Serial No. 10/669,287

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For: EXPANDABLE PUSH-IN ARCUATE  
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT  
WITH TAPERED CONFIGURATION DURING  
INSERTION

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 Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.

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